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1. Attached as Appendices A and B are two tables showing lateral loading platforms and stands of some railroad stations on the Sofia-Burgas line. 25X1
2. Platforms 20 x 30 meters on which there are storage depots and which are used for loading only a few freight cars are omitted in this report.
3. Most of the platforms on the Sofia-Plovdiv section (Appendix A) are full of goods ready for loading. These platforms are now used mainly for commercial purposes.
4. The new platforms in Kalitinovo and Nova Zagora (Appendix B) which are well built, will probably be used for military purposes. 25X1

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APPENDIX A

LATERAL LOADING PLATFORMS AND STANDS ON THE SOFIA-PLUVDIV LINE

TOWN	LOCATION OF PLATFORMS	LENGTH (in meters)	WIDTH (in meters)	CHARACTERISTICS	ACCESS
Iskner (N 42-40, E 23-25)	Near and west of the station	100	5	muddy ground	easy
Kazichene (N 42-40, E 23-28)	Near and east of the station	500	10	ballast in good condition	easy
Elin Pelin (N 42-40, E 23-36)	Two platforms near and east of the station. One is north and the other south; both have same characteristics	300	5	ballast in good condition	relatively easy
Kostenets (N 42-15, E 23-50)	East of the station	200	4 to 5	muddy broken ground	quite easy
Belovo (N 42-13, E 24-01)	Near and east of the station	100	4	muddy ground	not easy
Septemvri (N 42-13, E 24-06)	One platform is northwest and the other southwest of station. Both have same characteristics.	200	10	ballast	easy
Pazardzhik		300	5	muddy ground, broken near tracks.	easy

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TOWN	LOCATION OF PLATFORMS	LENGTH (in meters)	WIDTH (in meters)	CHARACTERISTICS	ACCESS
Ognyanovo (N 41-37, E 23-48)	Near and west of the station	200	5	muddy ground	not easy
Todor Kableshkov	Near and east of the station	500	5	ballast	easy

APPENDIX B

LATERAL LOADING PLATFORMS AND STANDS ON THE PLOVDIV-BURGAS LINE

TOWN	LOCATION OF PLATFORMS	LENGTH (in meters)	WIDTH (in meters)	CHARACTERISTICS	ACCESS
Filipovo (N 42-10, E 24-46)	near station	300	10	ballast in good condition	easy
Skutare (N 42-11, E 24-51)	near station	200	5	ballast in good condition	easy
Manole (N 42-11, E 24-56)	near station	150	5	muddy ground	relatively easy
Orisovo (N 42-12, E 25-11)	near station	100	4	muddy ground	difficult
Mihaylovo (N 42-15, E 25-32)	near station	75	5	muddy ground	easy

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APPENDIX B (Continued)

TOWN	LOCATION OF PLATFORM	LENGTH (in meters)	WIDTH (in meters)	CHARACTERISTICS	ACCESS
Khristianovo (N 42-20, E 25-32)	near station	500	5	ballast in good condition	easy
Stara Zagora	near and east of the station	500	10	ballast in good condition	easy
Kalitinovo (N 42-25, E 25-45)	Near station. From the looks of the stones holding up the platform, which is covered with red sand, it seems that it was constructed recently and is well graded.	500	15	ballast and sanded	very easy
Nova Zagora	one kilometer east of the station	500	15	of ballast and sand	well graded
Yambol	near and west of the station	500	5	ballast in good condition	easy

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